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Governor Doyle Requests Additional Disaster Assistance for Counties Affected by Recent Flooding, Last Week's Tornadoes

Governor Jim Doyle today requested additional disaster assistance for counties affected by additional flooding and last week's tornadoes that ripped across Wisconsin.

"Last week's tornadoes caused further destruction and despair for many Wisconsin families," Governor Doyle said. "We need this additional disaster aid to help these families, businesses, and communities get back on their feet and on the road to recovery."

Governor Doyle requested disaster aid for individuals and businesses in Adams, Clark, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green Lake, Jackson, Juneau, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Outagamie, Portage, Sauk, Vernon, and Waupaca Counties. In addition, due to sporadic disaster damage, the following contiguous counties were also included in today's request for disaster assistance for individuals and businesses. Those counties are Brown, Calumet, Lafayette, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara, and Wood. Disaster aid requested would be in the form of grants and low-interest loans to qualified applicants.

In addition, Governor Doyle asked for federal disaster aid for communities in Monroe, Jefferson, Adams, and Dane Counties. This assistance would help local governments recover their costs associated with damage to infrastructure, which includes dams, bridges, and roads.

Currently, 12 counties are named in a federal disaster declaration as a result of flooding and storm damage resulting from record rainfall and severe weather that has hit the state since May 19.